

**REMARKS**

Applicants have reviewed and considered the Office Action dated October 15, 2004. Applicants thank the Examiner for a timely review of the pending application and the Examiner's comments.

Claims 1 through 25 are pending in the present application.

Claim 25 is rejected.

Claim 25 has been canceled.

Therefore, pending claims 1-24 are in condition for allowance as noted in the Office Action dated October 15, 2004. A Notice of Allowance, is therefore respectfully requested.

**35 U.S.C. 101 Rejection**

Claim 25 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claim 1 of prior U.S. Patent No. 6,716,451.

Claim 25 has been canceled, thereby obviating the basis for this rejection.

Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the present application and a favorable response are respectfully requested.

If a telephone would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues, please contact the undersigned at 612-340-8819.

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